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SUMMARY.

The peace negotiations between Turkey and the Allies will open in London in a few days.

The Powers have invited the Porte to be the demobilisation of troops.

It is hoped in many quarters that owing to Kastenov's more conciliatory attitude Austria may stir her hand.

Efforts have already been made on behalf of Montenegro for a friendly settlement.

Russia has received her demand for the unconditional evacuation of Skutari.

Montenegro has agreed to surrender Skutari for territorial compensation.

Austria, however, will not agree to any compensation at the expense of Albania.

The Powers hope that a few days' patience will facilitate a peaceful settlement.

At the Peace Conference at St. Louis Mr. Andrew Carnegie and the other armed nations of the United States are present.

The Home Rule Bill will be reintroduced in the House of Commons on June 3.

Malta newspaper asserts that 200,000 men are drilling nightly in Belfast and adjoining districts.

It is reported that the United States War department is hurrying on the Panama Canal.

It is hoped to flood the canal on October 1.

A naval trial has been made in Paris to determine the design to attack dirigibles and airships.

The women suffragists, it is reported, made efforts to several airmen to rescue Mrs. Pankhurst and convey her abroad.

The police are reported to have seized plans to blow up every large timber yard in London.

The condition of the Duchess of Connaught shows a slight improvement.

The Woman's Aerial League is appealing to women for funds to encourage the more rapid development of the defence.

The report on wireless systems says the Marconi is the only system capable of fulfilling the requirements of the Imperial chain.

A huge forest fire has broken out in Hanover, 10,000 acres having already been swept.

Mr. Bryan is returning to Washington after the failure of his efforts to secure a settlement of the Panamanian dispute.

The Alaskan Legislature has passed a bill against the employment of Japanese labor.

The State Governor, however, has vetoed the measure.

It is officially announced in Peking that the United States has formally recognized the Republic.

The annual collections on behalf of the Hobart Saturday Fund will be made to-day.

The executive houses to be able to establish a record, the objective being £10,000.

This afternoon the citizens of Sydney will have an opportunity of witnessing the first fruits of compulsory training.

The dragoons of 20,000 strong will march through the city to the accompaniment of martial music.

The Governor-General will review the cadets, the saluting base being at the Town Hall.

It is anticipated that there will be a great gathering to welcome Lord Denman on his arrival this morning.

Yesterday was nomination day for candidates seeking election to the Commonwealth Parliament.

In the South Wales every seat is contested.

The High Court will on Monday hear the appeal from the decision of the Full Court in the Government House case.

The application for the transfer of the name of the Metropolitan Hotel to the Trocadero.

The new 6000-ton liner *Campania* arrived yesterday morning and berthed at the company's yard at the foot of King-street.

The Newcastle coal trade during the week has been bad, the total export being 80,000 tons.

The Seaman's Callery was idle yesterday. Two wharves were dismantled, and the miners struck work in sympathy.

The attack of the *Albion* continued in the Baltic, the *Emperor* being the latest.

It was stated in evidence that the custom of separating cavilling mates had prevailed in the Baltic for several years.

The first consignment of ten-shilling notes was forwarded to the Federal Treasury yesterday.

The amount of gold coin held by the Treasury against the note issue at the end of last month was £2,222,202.

The number of old-age pensions in force at the end of last month was 72,028.

Since the Maternity Allowance Act came into force 55,100 Australian mothers have drawn the £5 bonus.

The members of the Royal Society of Medicine are the most popular, and pleasant German and American known, are distinctive to all our meetings. They are the most in a social, healthy condition.

A dispute has occurred at the Invaluable Colliery, Callan Bay, and the men have gone on strike.

At the Quarter Sessions Justice Docker expressed his desire that the death of Senator Hickey of St. David should be prevented.

The funeral of the deceased officer took place at Gordon cemetery yesterday, and was attended by a large number of police.

The dispute at the Colliery is to be settled.

Four men's hands are out of employment and there are grave fears that others will be idle shortly.

All bollard-making work is at a standstill and the situation becomes serious.

A Presbyterian church is to be built at Kaitaia.

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NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
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NOTES are invited for the Transport of West Indian Goods, from the Ports of Colonies, from October 1, 1913, from the Ports of Colonies to the Colonies, and to Fiji; and for the Transport of Immigrants from the Colonies to the Colonies, from October 1, 1913, to such a character as to prevent the movement of 5000 persons in any one year, it is required by the Government that the consent of the Governor for the conveyance of a fixed rate of passage money for each emigrant of the age of 10 years and over; and for each emigrant under 10 years of age.

NOTES are to be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Sydney, with a copy up to Noon on the THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1913.

The conditions of the agreement to be entered into will be ascertained on application to the Colonial Secretary, Fiji for the undersigned.

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CHAPTER I.

Ralph Bretherton stood on the Heath-rug before a blazing fire that blazed in his chambers at Littleton. And he did not dare to look at his own reflection in the Adam's glass upon the chimney-piece. The glass reflected a head which had a certain impressiveness, a head which was the head of a man or a middle youth—he was thirty-six—it was singularly well shaped, and the graying of the dark hair about the temples detracted nothing from its impressiveness. His hands, though English-like, were somewhat lean and lantern-jawed; clean-shaven; the nose long yet just receding; the length of which was for his mother's sake. He was a man of heroic and heroic size, with a certain gravity of passion; fine eyes, with a certain something of unquickness, of idealism, the eyes of Don Quixote, the eyes which had seen the world and sought a legal fate had failed of its first intention; a mouth that might have been thin, but had failed short of it, else the face would have been more frank and humorous, which burked about the corners of the mouth doubtless made Mr. Bretherton less intolerant of his fellows than he might have been.

The last hours between Christmas and Easter, when a certain number of people may be found in Town ready to receive their annual and to have a good time, were not to be looked for later on. Ralph Bretherton had a quantity of cards on his chimney-piece for the opening of the international and amateur art exhibitions, and meetings of this and that learned society, for dinners and "at home." But the social engagements which interested him most and to the greatest extent, were the little letters of some, of which a good many lay reproachfully on his writing-table. Some of them were gayly reproachful, and some were not. Bretherton had sent out that lady or that lady was in Town? Would he come for lunch on such a day and as much of the afternoon as he could spare? Or it might be a little girl, a daughter of four or six or eight, all congenial souls.

Ralph Bretherton liked these demands very well. It was not him to insist on the date of a meeting, or to insist in his words apart, and smiled a little while three-fourths of the man gave himself up to be pleased.

He liked to sit in a pretty little bower after his portmanteau was packed. He had smoked after-breakfast pipe before the wash was at the door.

(To be continued.)

AN ARCTIC EMPIRE!

A Polar continent, rich beyond dreams in minerals and becoming a great commercial centre, is the suggestion put forward by some of the best men in the world. Mr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the arctic explorer, who discovered strange tribes of blonde Eskimos, and was received in England from New York on March 9.

"Some of unoccupied land that is a vast area of unoccupied land in the unoccupied regions of the Polar world," said Mr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, "is the Arctic, the Arctic is the world."

And often the power was quite inadequate to push the ship along. Some

captains carried their prejudice to the extent of refusing to use the machinery wherever it was possible to do without.

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THE APRIL REVIEWS.

IN THE GARDEN.

THE SWEET SULTAN.

Mr. Stoker Low, in the April number of the "Literary Review," takes up the oft-disputed question, "Is our civilisation dying?" He discusses foreign relations, the latest statistics bearing on the birth and death rates of various countries, he quotes from various sources who have written books on the decay and fall of the Roman Empire; he deals with the Malthusian doctrine, refers to theism of eugenics, and generally exhausts the subject, as far as is possible in the space of a single article. We are told again that the birth-rate is falling in the "highly civilised countries," and within these the fall is heaviest among the most educated and comfortable classes. There is tendency to retardation of the birth-rate in all the progressive and prosperous countries. "It is extremely well marked in the Australian States, where the general standard of material well-being is higher than almost any other in the world. Amid the virile, comfortable, four-meals-a-day population of New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand, the rate has diminished by nearly half during the past ten years." It is not the full German regiments, but the empty French cradles, says Mr. Low, which will compel 94 per cent. of the young men of France to turn themselves into soldiers.

BRITAIN IN TIME OF WAR.

The internal condition of Great Britain in "time of war," an article by Major Stewart L. Murray, in the "Nineteenth Century," gives evidence that the "Nineteenth Century" is a study of importance. It is a question of paramount importance. Sooner or later, says Major Murray, a general European war will come; sooner or later the Triple Alliance will come into conflict with the Triple Entente; and whilst such a war is a truly terrible idea to contemplate, it is a fact that such a war would mean a Great Britain. He supports a state of war, and proceeds to critically examine the effect of it, incidentally remarking that the mental strain on the admirals in command of our seagoing fleets will, under modern conditions, be greater than it ever was before. Economy and efficiency, he writes, are the chief prerequisites of a war, and he advocates the drawing up of a workable, though necessarily imperfect scheme, which will fairly meet the supreme war necessities—carefully thought out and prepared in detail, and kept ready by the Defence Committee for instant application when necessary.

FRANCOPHON ALGERIA.

There is an interesting article in the "Nineteenth century" by Philippe Millet on "France and the Algerian Problem." The author quotes in his article a statement that were first, a general reason for which England is also experiencing in Egypt. The Moslem world is everywhere awakening to re-action. Although the average Algerian native is less cultivated than his Egyptian colleague, he is beginning to talk French. The ruler of the nation of the Riff, who has been sent to ask for a certain number of liberal reforms. The second reason is peculiar to Algeria. Conscription was introduced, for the first time, last year among the natives. A mild sort of conscription: they only have been compelled to serve for three years, and the men of the conscripted areas of the German army, conscription of the natives in Algeria, the writer tells us, has come to stay, and will certainly be applied very soon on a larger scale.

"The feeling has been growing among the natives that return to the military duty they are called to perform is a right to which they are entitled, and that they have a right to receive certain rights. No thinking Frenchman would dare to reject their request. It is not only a question of justice, but also one of safety, as nothing would be more unpleasant, in case of European war, than to have an army of untrained savages, who would, to all appearance, be as good as any European soldier. For even if this were not the case, the native, who possibly gets the next crisis may not, we ought to stand 'in utique fortuna parva.'

NOTES.

In many of the suburban gardens the peony flowered in a comparatively rare type, having been derived from a species known as past, and producing an extraordinarily fine effect. There are several varieties of this peony, all worth including in a collection.

The rector of the cathedral of the Riff, D. Henrique, large flowers of a crimson colour.

Germany, scarlet shaded with yellow; King Leopold, a very fine canary yellow; Miss G. Kruger, rose striped with white; Queen Wilhelmina, pure white; Ruskin, rich purple.

Paris, pale yellow; primroses, primroses, and dianthus that were planted for early flowering will be benefited by receiving a light top-dressing of a well-tempered manure from the cowards, and an occasional top-dressing of weak manure.

Seedlings that are being grown for summer should, when sufficiently advanced, be transplanted to the positions where they are to flower.

It is a good time of the year to top-dress well-established azaleas and rhododendrons with a similar manure material for this is least likely to injure the roots.

For old plants the top-dressing of two inches thick, but for more recently planted specimens two inches will be ample.

The extremely hairy surface roots of these plants will soon ramify in this material, and result in the production of a healthy foliage.

Moreover, the top-dressing will conserve the moisture of the soil.

As the old flowering stems and leaves of the bulbous plants have been developed they should be lifted and cleaned.

Young bulbs have developed they should be increased in size and preserved, if it is desired to increase any, and planted in nursery rows in spring.

When the plants are to be stored in a cool, dry place, and should not receive any heat.

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APLICATIONS are invited for Supply of about 8000 TONS OF COAL per annum, suitable for Brick and Pottery Works.

Tender close at noon, MAY 8, 1913.

Address, The Secretary,
HORNBY, THE WRECK, and BRICK
WORKS, Ltd.,
Commercial Back-chambers,
George and Margaret streets,
city.

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TENDERS are INVITED for the undermentioned Work, to be carried out at the Fire Station, St. Leonards.

1. Repair to Roof of Fire Station, St. Leonards-road.

2. Repair to Roof of Fire Station, Gladstone-street.

500 FEET.

Separate Tenders to be furnished for each work, to be made by NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th MAY, 1913.

Specifications and all particulars may be obtained from the Clerk of Works, at Head Quarters Fire Station, 217 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

Z. C. BARRY,
Secretary,
Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W.

BUCKHORN-THOMAS—Price laying about 2000 Bricks

Nicholls, George-street, Canterbury.

CLEARING.

Wanted 10 acres Cleared at Warrawee, ready for

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W. J. LADIN, Estate,
Pitt and Market streets, city.

ORANGE TENDERERS required for the Purchase of

ELECTRIC AND STEAM CRANES and second

hand 2 to 7 tons, for Builders, Quarries, etc.

J. E. COOPER, Ltd., 20 Hunter-st., Tel. 306 City.

CHALMERS—Tender to be submitted after

2. Natural, Albany, C. New South Wales.

DRAINERS—Tenders with Maltin's new large

FENCING AND FENCE POSTS.

TENDERS are invited for the above Works at Pad

discretion and particulars to be furnished at the

undermentioned.

MURKIN and BACKHOUSE,
Architects.

WENDELL—Tender to be submitted, city.

YOUNG—Tenders wanted, Chalmer-st., Rose Bay.

THE TENDER OF MICHAEL PETER

MAHER, GROCER, 33 WALKER-STREET, NORTH

SYDNEY.

TENDERS are invited for the undermentioned Assets

in the above Estate, and will be received at my office

Lot 1—STOCK-IN-TRADE AND PLANT.

Stock of Assorted Groceries

Plant

Lot 2—Wines, Liquors, and Goodwill.

The above Business, having a Wine License at

the time of sale, will be offered to the highest

bidder, and the highest bidder will be entitled to

the business, and those assets may be offered

for, give a condition that the highest bidder is a

reputable business man, should give satisfactory re

Tenders will be received for each lot separately,

or for the whole property. The usual 10 per cent.

commission will be deducted, and the same will be

accepted. Stock-sheets may be seen and all

information obtained on the premises, as at my

office.

ALBERT BORCHARD,
Engineer-in-Chief, Architect.

Equitable-building, George-street.

Sydney, 20th April, 1913.

MUNICIPALITY.

TENDERS are invited for the POSITION of AUDITOR

over the Local Taxation Act for the year 1912-13.

Tender close 11th May, 1913.

W. J. MOXHAM, Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF ENFIELD.

VALVER.

TENDERS, endorsed as such, will be received by

the undermentioned till noon on MONDAY, 10th May,

1913, for the POSITION of VALUER to this Council for the year 1913-14.

Tenders to make a valuation of the Unimproved Value, Improved Capital Value, and Assessed Capital Value, and the other Valuations required in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1908-9, and Ordinances and Regulations there under, will be accepted, and the same will be received in the Valuation Book before the 1st November, 1913.

The lowest or any tender will necessarily accepted, and the same will be accepted for the first year and 17 per cent. for the other two years.

Specification of rates may be inspected at this office during office hours.

H. C. FROST, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Enfield.

20th April, 1913.

MUNICIPALITY OF VAULX-LEZ-MONTRAL.

VALVER.

TENDERS are invited and will be received until

the 10th instant, by the following Works:

1. Building—Fencing and Guttering, Albany-street,

Enfield.

2. Building—Fencing and Guttering, Albany-street and

Under-ground, and Gates, Albany-street, and

